

UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO  
BEFORE HONORABLE DANIEL R. DOMINGUEZ

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

DATE: December 15, 1999

CIVIL NO. 98-1360 (DRD)

LAW CLERK: Nathan J. Schulte

ANA RIVERA RAMOS, et al.,  
Plaintiffs,

Attorney: Jeffrey WILLIAMS  
Carlos MERCADO  
David C. INDIANO

v.

ASHFORD PRESBYTERIAN  
COMMUNITY HOSPITAL INC., et al.,  
Defendants.

Juan MASINI SOLER  
Hilda SURILLO

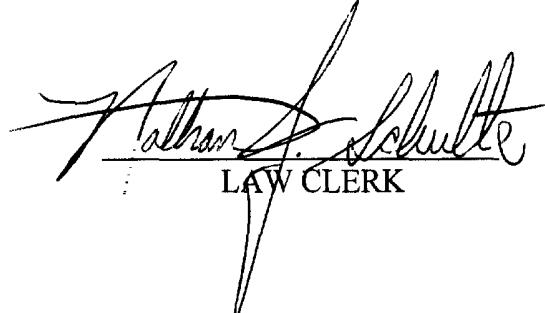
A SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE was held today. The parties advised the Court of the status of the case and their progress toward settlement. Further, the parties informed the Court that their anticipated length of the trial will be five days.

The sole pending motion is Plaintiffs' Motion For Trial Date and Informative Motion Regarding Defendants' Failure To Comply With Order. (Docket No. 44). The Plaintiffs informed the Court that since filing the motion the Defendants have complied with the Court's Order rendering that portion of the Plaintiffs' motion moot. The Court concurs, and the applicable portion of the motion is held **MOOT**.

However, as forewarned during the Status Conference held on November 8, 1999, because the parties informed the Court that no settlement has been reached, the portion of Plaintiffs' motion requesting a Trial Date is **GRANTED**.

A Pretrial Conference will be held on Wednesday, **March 1, 2000 at 5:00 p.m.** and a Trial Date on Thursday, **March 16, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.** The trial will be held that Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and will run every succeeding week on those three days until completion. This judge will see this case as scheduled, unless a visiting judge can be scheduled to see it first.

The Parties are strongly encouraged to continue settlement discussions. Should the parties feel that an intervening Further Settlement Conference would facilitate such discussions the parties may so motion the Court.

  
Nathan J. Schulte  
LAW CLERK

  
s/c: Counsel of record

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